

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A method comprising:

receiving a user keystroke corresponding to a pressing of one of a plurality of alphanumeric keys, the pressing of the one of the plurality of alphanumeric keys configured to select a character group comprising a plurality of different characters,

displaying a default character from said character group upon detection of said user keystroke,

receiving user input corresponding to scrolling through the plurality of different characters included in said selected character group, and

receiving a user selection of a character to be inserted into a text string from the plurality of different characters,

wherein scrolling through the plurality of different characters is performed in response to user input corresponding to a pressing of another key on the keypad, wherein the another key becomes a dedicated scroll key when in an editor mode.

2. (cancelled).

3. (cancelled).

4. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the selected character is selected in response to input corresponding to a new alphanumeric keystroke for selecting a second character group containing the next character of the text string or by pressing a space key.

5. (previously presented) An apparatus comprising:

a keypad for entering a character, said keypad including a plurality of character entry alphanumeric keys having respective groups of different characters assigned to each of the plurality of alphanumeric keys;

a display for displaying an entered character;

a scroll key for scrolling through a plurality of different characters in said groups of characters; and

selection means for selecting a character to be inserted from the plurality of different characters,

wherein the scroll key corresponds to one of the plurality of alphanumeric keys and becomes dedicated for scrolling when said apparatus is in an editor mode and wherein the scroll key is configured to scroll through different characters associated with each occurrence of a keystroke of an alphanumeric key following a pressing and release of each said alphanumeric key.

6. (previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the apparatus is a wireless telephone having a text messaging application.

7. (previously presented) An apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

memory configured to store computer readable instruction that, when executed by a processor, cause the apparatus to perform a method comprising:

receiving a user keystroke corresponding to a pressing of one of a plurality of alphanumeric keys, the pressing of the one of the plurality of alphanumeric keys configured to select a character group comprising a plurality of different characters,

displaying a default character from said character group upon detection of said user keystroke,

receiving user input corresponding to scrolling through the plurality of different characters included in said selected character group, and

receiving a user selection of a character to be inserted into a text string from the plurality of different characters,

wherein scrolling through the plurality of different characters is performed in response to user input corresponding to a pressing of another key on the keypad, wherein the another key becomes a dedicated scroll key when in an editor mode.

8. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein selection of the scroll key is configured to enable step-by-step scrolling through the characters corresponding to one of the plurality of alphanumeric keys.

9. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein selection of the scroll key is configured to enable selection of the selected character by providing a new key stroke for selecting a character group containing the next character of the text or by pressing a space key.

10. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the apparatus is a wireless communication device with a text editing application.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the editor mode is a mode within an operation of a non-ambiguous word editor.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the another key corresponds to a non-scrolling function when not in the editor mode.

13. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the apparatus is a text editing terminal.

14. (previously presented) A computer readable medium comprising computer readable instructions that, when executed by the processor, perform a method comprising:

receiving a user keystroke corresponding to a pressing of one of a plurality of alphanumeric keys, the pressing of the one of the plurality of alphanumeric keys configured to select a character group comprising a plurality of different characters,

displaying a default character from said character group upon detection of said user keystroke,

receiving user input corresponding to scrolling through the plurality of different characters included in said selected character group, and

receiving a user selection of a character to be inserted into a text string from the plurality of different characters,

wherein scrolling through the plurality of different characters is performed in response to user input corresponding to a pressing of another key on the keypad, wherein the another key becomes a dedicated scroll key when in an editor mode.

15. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 14, wherein the user selection of the character corresponds to activation of a space key.

16. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 14, wherein the editor mode is a mode within an operation of a non-ambiguous word editor.

17. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 14, wherein the another key corresponds to a non-scrolling function when not in the editor mode.